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## Intelligence On Cuba

Congressman George Mahon's plea for less noise on our intelligence activities in Cuba deserves a great deal of praise for it has been obvious for some time now that much has been forced out of administration mouths that would have better been left unsaid.

The reason behind all the pumping of the administration, however, can be laid to the administration itself. If it had been less reticent about our activities in Cuba and had been more frank about what actually went on, there would not have been the hue and cry to get information out to the public.

But, the dribblets of information given reluctantly in most cases, only served to whet the appetites of some of our congressmen.

It is obvious, however, that they went too far. There should have been no necessity to reveal the number and frequency of photo flights over Cuba, for instance. The news of this and other activities of the Central Intelligence Agency was of such an important nature that the Soviet Union would have been happy to pay large sums for it.

In time of war--and this is war all except the all out shooting--there is a fine line between information the public should receive and information that would endanger the nation's security if it were released. That is the situation now.

The Kennedy Administration bent backward too far to keep news from the public--it withheld certain facts of events that had already happened in an attempt to shield its own actions. The reaction to this was, naturally, to pry all possible information from those who would give it--and in this case the reaction went too far.

So far as we know, such revelations have not endangered either the security or the lives of those who carry on our intelligence work: but we can hope it will be stopped before there is such a danger.

We can hope, too, that the Kennedy Administration will be more frank with the people in the future.

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